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COOPERATION TOPIC IS DIVIDED BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD
COMMITTEES-I.E., ECOSOC AND EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND
CULTURE, AND THE TWO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS RECONCILING
THEIR VIEWS.

6. CORRECTION TO STATE 310979. IN PARAGRAPH 5D, WE
ERRONEOUSLY LISTED PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS STELLA
RATHER THAN ARIAS STELLA.

7. FURTHER REPORTS WILL FOLLOW. HUSKIE

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SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THIRD REPORT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. GA DEVELOPMENTS, NOVEMBER 23-25. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY,
GA TO DATE HAS GIVEN INORDINATE TIME TO PROCEDURAL
MATTERS BUT IS NOW BEGINNING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH
MAJOR PROBLEMS. SLOW-DOWNS AND WORK STOPPAGES BY THE
STAFF, AT THEIR MOST SEVERE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
LESSENED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY, SINCE STAFF FORESEES
A POSSIBILITY OF A PARTIAL VICTORY IN FORM OF SALARY
INCREASE AND RECOGNITION OF SOME OF THEIR BREAD AND
BUTTER ISSUES AND DOES NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THEM
BY FURTHER EXASPERATING THE DELEGATIONS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. FIRST (POLITICAL-JURIDICAL
COMMITTEE) HAS NOW DISPOSED OF MOST OF ITS ROUTINE
AGENDA ITEMS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER SUBJECTS,
AND IS NOW INVOLVED IN MARATHON WORKING SESSIONS
ON IAHRC REPORTS, BOTH ANNUAL AND COUNTRY SPECIFIC
PAPERS. ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR AN ANYONE
RESOLUTION THAT DOES NOT MENTION SPECIFIC COUNTRIES
OR LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS. US HAS
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AN OMNIBUS RESOLU-
TION, BUT ARGENTINA HAS NOT THUS FAR BEEN WILLING
TO COMPROMISE. MEXICO AND OTHERS ARE BEING HELPFUL
IN FIRST COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP IN TRYING TO GET
AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION THAT PRESERVES THE AUTHORITY
OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ISSUES. QUOTA
ISSUE HAS BEEN ECLIPSED BY SALARY QUESTIONS DESCRIBED
IN STATE 310979. TIME BIND SEEMS TO PRECLUDE MORE
THAN "BAND AID" TREATMENT FOR QUOTA ISSUE RESOLUTION
AT THIS ASSEMBLY, WITH CONTINUATION OF STUDY OF QUESTION
LIKELY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN 1981. ON SALARY AND PARITY QUESTION, REALIZATION
OF THE COSTS OF VENEZUELA'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL HAS DAWNED
AND A LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATE SOLUTION MAY BE AGREED
UPON. PROBLEM FOR US IS THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS
OF ANY BUDGETARY INCREASE WOULD FALL ON US, IT WOULD
MEAN ONLY SMALL INCREASES FOR MANY LOW QUOTA COUNTRIES
WHO ARE TOTALLY ESPOUSING THE EMPLOYEES POSITION.

5. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. CONSIDERATION OF THIS
ISSUE IS MOVING AT A SNAIL'S PACE IN SECOND COMMITTEE,
BOGGED DOWN ALONG WITH ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS IN PRO-
CEDURAL ARGUMENTS FROM WHICH IT CANNOT EXTRICATE
ITSELF. PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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